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1. CHAIRMAN OF THE US TRI-LATERAL MEETING ON FORCE GOALS,
ROLF BRABAND (DIRECTOR FOR FORCE PLANNING, IS) REACTED AS
FOLLOWS TO THE POINT THAT LTDP FUNDING MAY TAKE PRIORITY
OVER FORCE GOAL FUNDING IN SOME CASES (REFTEL):

. - THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE, THOUGH EACH CASE WOULD
HAVE TO BE EXAMINED ON ITS OWN MERITS BEFORE DECIDING ON
PRIORITIES BETWEEN FORCE GOALS AND LTDP MEASURES.

. - BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT A MORE CURRENT EVALUATION OF
NATO'S REQUIREMENTS, IT SHOULD BE EXPECTED THAT IN MANY
INSTANCES LTDP MEASURES WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER LESS
UP-TO-DATE FORCE GOALS.

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2. COMMENT. THOUGH WE WILL MAKE THIS POINT AT THE US
MULTI-LATERAL, WE DOUBT IT WILL PROVOKE MUCH DISCUSSION.
OUR SOUNDINGS HERE INDICATE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE
PROPOSITION CITED ABOVE. END COMMENT. BENNETT

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